

I am writing with great concern regarding the recent initiative by XM Radio Inc and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. to provide local weather and traffic. My understanding is that licenses were granted to these companies to provide radio service that would be national-only and would not harm local broadcasters. The express promise made by XM and Sirius has been clearly broken. As a local broadcaster we provide countless weather forecasts and traffic reports each day. These reports are one of the key benefits we provide our local listeners. They go hand in hand to our overall commitment to the communities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Last year Clear Channel radio stations donated nearly \$5,000,000 in airtime and helped charities raise \$9,500,000 in much needed funds. National services like XM and Sirrius provide no community service. They have no local investment in the community. On behalf on local broadcasters in Minnesota I would ask that you support the NAB Petition. Thank you.